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Ladies and Gentlemen,

some friends informed me, that you are "listening to the voices of non-Microsoft users" which makes me very happy as it shows that you really care about users.

My friends showed me a sample of a good writing to you and I think it is so good that I just copied and pasted it. This is not because I'm lazy or something it is very close to my statement and as my english is poor it think this is the best way.

But I also want you to know, that Microsoft "one-OS-boot"-license is one of the factors why Be, Inc. failed and is now history.

Thank you very much for taking time reading this.

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I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed:

MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non-Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows users.

The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.

The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.

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BeHappy :)

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